



Is the Air Clean Enough to Test My Emergency Generator?

Instructions for Subscribing to Enviroflash

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These step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for Enviroflash are intended for use by those interested in finding out what days an emergency generator can/cannot be tested due to air quality.

- 1) Go to www.airnow.gov and click on the Enviroflash “sign up” link.

The screenshot shows the AIRNow homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. Below the header, there is a section for "LOCAL AIR QUALITY CONDITIONS AND FORECASTS" with a "Zip Code" and "State" dropdown menu. The main content area features a "Today's AQI Forecast" map of the United States, with a legend below it showing color-coded AQI levels: Good (green), Moderate (yellow), USG (orange), Unhealthy (red), Very Unhealthy (dark red), and Hazardous (black). To the right of the map, there are several sections: "Wildfire Smoke Advisories and Forecasts", "Announcements" (with a link to a webinar), "Free AIRNow EnviroFlash Android and iPhone Apps Now Available", and "E-Mail Notification". The "E-Mail Notification" section is circled in red and contains the text: "EnviroFlash provides air quality information such as forecasts and action day notifications via email for your area of interest. [Sign-Up](#)". Below this are links for "Follow Us on Twitter", "AQI in Google Earth", "AirCompare", "Publications | Publicaciones (en español)", "Air Quality Maps: Monitoring Locations and Archives", and "BP Spill Information".

- 2) Select the “Subscribe to Enviroflash” link at the top of the page

The screenshot shows the EnviroFlash homepage. The header features the AIRNow logo on the left and the EnviroFlash logo on the right. The main heading is "Air Quality Notifications". Below the heading, there is a navigation menu on the left with links: "EnviroFlash Home", "EnviroFlash Challenge", "EnviroFlash Fact Sheet (PDF)", "Free AIRNow iPhone & Android Apps! iPhone App | Android App", "EnviroFlash on Twitter", "AIRNow RSS Feeds", "EnviroFlash Toolkit", "Available to AIRNow partner agencies", "About the Air Quality Index (AQI) (PDF)", "Today's National Air Quality Forecast", "Recommend to a friend", and "About EnviroFlash". The main content area is titled "Subscribe to EnviroFlash | Registered Subscribers" and is circled in red. Below this title, there is a "Welcome to EnviroFlash" message: "Air quality affects how you live and breathe. Like the weather, it can change from day to day, or even hour to hour. Up-to-date information allows you to make decisions based on air quality forecasts. EnviroFlash comes to you through a partnership between the US EPA and your state or local air quality agency - notifying you about air quality so you don't have to go searching for it!". Below the message is a map of the United States with colored dots indicating air quality conditions by region. A legend for "Today's Forecast" is provided: Good (green), Moderate (yellow), Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (orange), Unhealthy (red), Very Unhealthy (dark red), Hazardous (black), and Unavailable (grey). At the bottom, there is a link to an "on-line subscription page" and a note: "An on-line subscription page allows you to sign up, edit your profile, or cancel the service. After you choose the type and frequency of service you want, EnviroFlash will be sent to your email or cell phone as specified."

- 3) Fill out the form and make sure to include your email address and the area you would like to receive air quality notifications for. **Note*Those using Enviroflash forecast emails to determine if emergency generator testing can be conducted are instructed to sign up for the “New Jersey” site.*** This is a site developed by NJDEP that displays the highest forecast issued for New Jersey. A brief forecast discussion will also be included in Enviroflash emails for this site. To sign up for the “New Jersey” site select the “change city” link located in the **Forecast City Selection** section.

EnviroFlash - Sign-Up
www.enviroflash.info/signup.cfm

Air Quality Notifications

Subscribe to EnviroFlash | Registered Subscribers

(Step 1 of 3)
Sign up and Start Receiving Your Air Quality Forecast Today!

Fill out the form below to get started.

Subscriber Information

Email Address: * [Subscribing with your phone?](#)

First Name:

Last Name:

ZIP Code: *

** required fields*

Forecast City Selection

Nearest EnviroFlash City: [Change City](#)

Email Preferences

Format: HTML Text Only Short

Receive Action Day Notifications:

Receive Forecasts: Forecasts are unavailable for this city.

Receive Current Conditions: Current Conditions are unavailable for this city.

Select minimum level at which to receive daily forecast Emails

- 4) If you decide to proceed with signing up for the “New Jersey” site, next, you will be asked to choose a state and city you would like to receive forecasts for. After selecting “NJ” as the state, choose “New Jersey” as your city.

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Subscriber Information

Email Address: * [Subscribing with your phone?](#)

First Name:

Last Name:

ZIP Code: *

** required fields*

Forecast City Selection [Hide](#)

Nearest EnviroFlash City: **New Jersey, NJ**

Find EnviroFlash City By:

State:

City:

OR

ZIP Code:

- 5) In the **Email Preferences** section, the “Receive Action Day Notifications” box will already be selected. Action Days are issued when air quality is forecasted to reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) category and above. Action Day notification emails will include recommended actions individuals can take to limit their exposure and contribution to air pollution on days that air quality is expected to reach the USG category and above. In addition to these email notifications, which are only sent out on days that a USG forecast or higher is issued, NJDEP recommends subscribers set their profiles to receive daily air quality forecasts. To do this, check the “receive forecasts” box and select “Good” as the forecast threshold. If you would like to also receive emails when the air monitor in your area reports real time data that ozone and/or PM concentrations have reached the unhealthy for sensitive groups level, check the “receive current conditions” box.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.enviroflash.info/signup.cfm. The page is titled "EnviroFlash - Sign-Up".

Forecast City Selection

Nearest EnviroFlash City: **New Jersey, NJ**

Find EnviroFlash City By:

State:

City:

OR

ZIP Code:

Email Preferences

Format: HTML Text Only Short

Receive Action Day Notifications:

Receive Forecasts:

Receive Current Conditions:

Select minimum level at which to receive daily forecast Emails

Forecasts	Current	AQI Values	Levels	Colors
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0-50	Good (receive daily forecast)	Green
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	51-100	Moderate	Yellow
<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	151-200	Unhealthy	Red
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	201-300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	301+	Hazardous	Maroon

Footer: EPA Home, EnviroFlash: Air quality information straight to your inbox!, Privacy Policy, AIRNOW, AIRNow Home

- 6) Select the “Next” button

7) Agree to the privacy policy and select “subscribe”.

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On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: [EnviroFlash Home](#), [EnviroFlash Challenge](#), [EnviroFlash Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) (Learn how EnviroFlash works!), [Free AIRNow iPhone & Android Apps!](#) (with links for [iPhone App](#) and [Android App](#)), [EnviroFlash on Twitter!](#), [AIRNow RSS Feeds](#), [EnviroFlash Toolkit](#) (Available to AIRNow partner agencies), [About the Air Quality Index \(AQI\) \(PDF\)](#), [Today's National Air Quality Forecast](#), [Recommend to a friend](#), and [About EnviroFlash](#).

The main content area is titled "Subscribe to EnviroFlash | Registered Subscribers" and is labeled "(Step 2 of 3)". It includes a "Privacy Policy" section with the following text: "Personal information entered into the EnviroFlash system (e.g., name, email address, ZIP Code) are used (by EPA and its contractor, Sonoma Technology, Inc.) solely for the purpose of sending subscriber-requested air quality notifications. Email addresses and other information are not shared, sold, or otherwise disclosed to any other organizations or individuals. All information submitted by visitors is voluntary." Below this text is a checkbox labeled "I have read the privacy policy:" which is checked.

A "Subscribe" button is located below the checkbox. Underneath, a section titled "What you will receive" lists the following benefits: "An Air Quality Forecast Email every day.", "An Email when the Current Air Quality is Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or above.", and "Email notifications when a(n) Action Day is declared." Below this is a "Forecast/Action Day Email Preview" section showing a sample email: "To: John.Smith@gmail.com", "From: EnviroFlash", "Subject: Air Quality Forecast for New Jersey, NJ". A red note above the sample email states: "*Sample Data shown below*". The sample email text reads: "An Air Quality Action Day has been declared for New Jersey, NJ on Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3."

Enviroflash emails will be disseminated out to subscribers at 10am daily with today’s and tomorrow’s forecasts. If a sudden change in meteorological conditions or regional emissions causes the air quality forecasters to modify the forecast for any area in New Jersey to the unhealthy for sensitive groups range or above for tomorrow, an email will be sent out **by 4:00 pm the day before** alerting subscribers to take the proper precautions. Those using Enviroflash emails for emergency generator testing purposes should save all Enviroflash emails so they have a personal record of what the air quality was on the day(s) an emergency generator was tested. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-19.2(d), emergency generator testing and maintenance is prohibited in NJ on days where an unhealthy for sensitive groups, unhealthy, very unhealthy, or hazardous forecast is issued for anywhere in state.